

# R E P O R T

FROM THE

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND  
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

ON

## RAILWAYS (IRELAND) AMALGAMATION BILLS;

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD AND CENTRAL IRELAND RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL [LORDS], GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL [LORDS], AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL [LORDS].

[Friday, 30th March 1900]:—Message from the Lords, That they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: "That it is desirable that the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill [Lords], the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill [Lords], and the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill [Lords], be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament."

[Thursday, 5th April 1900]:—Lords Message (30th March), That it is desirable that the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill [Lords], the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill [Lords], and the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill [Lords], be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, considered:—

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Resolution.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

[Tuesday, 1st May 1900]:—Message from the Lords, That they have appointed a Committee of Four Lords, to join with a Committee of this House, to consider the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, and the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill; and request this House to appoint an equal number of its Members to be joined with the said Lords.

[Friday, 4th May 1900]:—Lords Message (1st May) relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Railways (Ireland) Amalgamation Bills, considered:—

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Four Members be appointed to join with the Committee of the Lords to consider the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, and the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, as requested by their Lordships in their Message of 1st May.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(*Chairman of Ways and Means*.)

[Friday, 11th May 1900]: Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Four Members to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Railways (Ireland) Amalgamation Bills:—Mr. Buchanan, Sir Samuel Montagu, Mr. Pierpoint, and Mr. Osborne.

Report to lie upon the Table.

[Friday, 11th May 1900]:—Message from the Lords, That they propose that the Joint Committee appointed for the consideration of the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, and the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, do meet in Committee Room B, on Friday next, at Two o'clock.

Lords Message considered.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

[Tuesday, 15th May 1900]:—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Railways (Ireland) Amalgamation Bills:—Mr. Buchanan; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hazell.

Report to lie upon the Table.

The following Members of the House of Lords were appointed to serve on the Committee.  
viz.:

The Earl Spencer.  
Lord Chelmsford.

Lord Glascock.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Lords' Minutes.

[Die Veneris, 18th July 1900]:—Great Southern and Western, and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill.—Report from the Committee of Selection, That the Lord Hensington be proposed to the House as a Member of the Select Committee on the said Bill in the place of the Lord Chelmsford, read, and agreed to.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords, to whom the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, and the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, now pending in the House of Lords were referred:—Have considered the said Bills, and gone through the Bills, and made Amendments thereunto.

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**LORDS AND MEMBERS PRESENT, AND MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
AT EACH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE.**

*Friday, 18th May 1900.*

PRESENT :

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glasnik.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Earl Spencer.

Mr. Hazell.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

The Earl SPENCER was called to the Chair.

The Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Monday, 21st May 1900.*

PRESENT :

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Glasnik.

Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Hazell.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

The Committee deliberated.

*Ordered*.—THAT the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill [Lords], and the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill [Lords], be considered together.

Counsel and Parties called in.

Mr. Pope, q.c., Mr. Pember, q.c., Mr. Balfour Browne, q.c., Mr. Seymour Bushe, q.c., Mr. Macinerney, q.c., Mr. Ernest Moon, and Mr. G. O. Bellows appear as Counsel for the Promoters of the Bill.

**GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND  
WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL.**

Mr. Pope, q.c., Mr. Pember, q.c., Mr. Balfour Browne, q.c., Mr. Seymour Bushe, q.c., Mr. Macinerney, q.c., Mr. Ernest Moon, and Mr. G. O. Bellows appear as Counsel for the Promoters of the Bill.

Messrs. Sherwood and Company appear as Agents.

The following Petitions against the Bill are read :

The Petition of the Midland Great Western of Ireland Company.

Mr. Little, c.n., q.c., Mr. Blennerhassett, q.c., and Mr. Vesey Knox appear as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. Martin and Leslie appear as Agents.

The Petition of the West Clare Railway Company.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. Holmes and Company appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Athenry and Tuam Extension of Claremorris Railway Company (against alteration).

Mr. *J. Fitzgerald Murphy* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Waterford Corporation.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the County Council of the South Riding of Tipperary.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. *Bircham and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners and Tralee Urban District Council.

Mr. *W. M. Acworth* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Earl of Listowel.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Tipperary Town Commissioners.

Mr. *J. F. Taylor, Q.C.*, appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Bircham and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Limerick and Kerry, Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction, and Tralee and Fenit Railway Companies.

Mr. *W. M. Acworth* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Martin and Leslie* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. *Blennerhassett, Q.C.*, and Mr. *J. W. Greig* appear as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Cork Corporation.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Kerry County Council.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Cork County Council.

Mr. *W. M. Acworth* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Grahames, Currey, and Spens* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Cork Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. *W. M. Acworth* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Grahames, Currey, and Spens* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Sligo, Leitrim, and Northern Counties Railway Company.

Mr. *C. C. Hutchinson* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Batten and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Sligo County Council.

Counsel:—Mr. *John O'Connor*.

Messrs. *Clay and Glave* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Great Western Railway Company.

Counsel reserved.

Mr *R. R. Nelson* appears as Agent.

The Petition of the Grand Canal Company.

Mr. *Clayton* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Rees and Freer* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company.

The Hon. *J. D. Fitzgerald*, q.c., and Mr. *Charles Beggellay*, q.c., appear as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. *Pembroke Stephens*, q.c., and Mr. *W. M. Anworth* appear as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Batten and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Limerick Corporation.

Mr. *J. P. Taylor*, q.c., and Mr. *Pierce Mahoney* appear as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Batten and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Dublin Port and Docks Board.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. *Dyson and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Merchants, Traders, Freighters, &c. of Limerick.

Messrs. *W. and W. M. Bell* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Company (against alteration and for amendment in private Bill).

Messrs. *W. and W. M. Bell* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Sligo Harbour Commissioners.

Messrs. *Clay and Close* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Limerick County Council.

Counsel:—Mr. *John O'Connor*.

Messrs. *Batten and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of Messrs. Henry Denny and Sons, Limited.

Messrs. *W. and W. M. Bell* appear as Agents.

#### MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL.

Mr. *Littler*, c.b., q.c., Mr. *Blenerhassett*, q.c., and Mr. *Veey Knox* appear as Counsel for the promoters of the Bill.

Messrs. *Martin and Leslie* appear as Agents.

The following Petitions against the Bill are read:

The Petition of the Athenry and Tuam Extension to Claremorris Railway Company.

Mr. *J. Fitzgerald Murphy* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Waterford Corporation.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. *Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.



The Petition of the County Council of the South Riding of Tipperary.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. Bircham and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Dublin County Council.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. Batten and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners and the Tralee Urban District Council.

*Mr. W. M. Asworth* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

*Messrs. Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Earl of Listowel.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Limerick and Kelly, Rathkeale, and Newcastle Junction, and Tralee and Fenit Railway Companies.

*Mr. W. M. Asworth* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

*Messrs. Lake and Lake* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners.

*Mr. J. W. Greig* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

*Messrs. Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Cork Harbour Commissioners.

*Mr. W. M. Asworth* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

*Messrs. Graham, Curvey, and Spens* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Sligo County Council.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. Clay and Close* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Bill.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. W. and W. M. Bell* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. Holmes and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of Nathaniel Francis Preston.

No person appears in support of this Petition.

The Petition of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company.

*Mr. Pope, Q.C., Mr. Pember, Q.C., Mr. Balfour Browne, Q.C., Mr. Bushe, Q.C., Mr. Macinerney, Q.C., Mr. Moon, and Mr. Bellens* appear as Counsel for the Petitioners.

*Messrs. Sherwood and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Great Western Railway Company.

Counsel reserved.

*Mr. R. R. Nelson* appears as Agent.

The Petition of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbour Company.

Counsel reserved.

*Mr. R. R. Nelson* appears as Agent.

The Petition of Messrs. Arthur Guinness, Son, and Company, Limited.

No person appears in support of this Petition.

The Petition of the Sligo, Leitrim, and Northern Counties Railway Company

*Mr. C. C. Hutchinson* appears as Counsel for the Petitioners.

*Messrs. Batten and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Limerick Corporation.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. Batten and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. Batten and Company* appear as Agents.

The Petition of the Sligo Harbour Commissioners.

Counsel reserved.

*Messrs. Clay and Close* appear as Agents.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL.

Preambles of the Bills read the first time.

*Mr. Pope, q.c.*, was heard in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, and called the following evidence:—

*Mr. Percy Brodrick Bernard*, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 22nd May 1900.

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Glanusk.

Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Hazell.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL, further considered.

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—continued.

*Mr. Percy Brodrick Bernard*, recalled, and further examined.

The Earl Cowdor, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Wednesday, 23rd May 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Glanusk.

Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Hazell.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued*.

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued*.

The Earl Cowdor recalled, and further examined.

Mr. Robert Sanders and Mr. James Ellis Goodbody, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Two o'clock.

*Thursday, 24th May 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Glanusk.

Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Hazell.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued*.

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued*.

Mr. Henry R. Glynn, Mr. Cochran Dwyer, the Very Reverend Dean Stanton, and the Reverend M. Keveney, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock

*Friday, 25th May 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Glanusk.

Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Hazell.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued*.

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued*.

Mr. William H. Searff, Rev. A. R. Stanton, Mr. M. C. Henry, Mr. Thomas Morris, Mr. D. Murtagh, Mr. C. O'Kelly, Mr. D. Rudelle, Mr. T. Hurley, Mr. W. G. Watson, Mr. William Eaton, Mr. Joshua Johnston, and Mr. C. J. Curran, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till Tuesday, 19th June.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, 19th June, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Tuesday, 19th June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Glasnevin.

Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Hazell.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued*.

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued*.

Mr. J. D. Crosbie, Mr. W. H. McCowen, Mr. Samuel M. Hunsay, Colonel J. R. P. Nolan, Mr. H. M. A. Murphy, Mr. James McDonnell, Mr. J. W. Batten, Q.C., and Mr. R. W. Smith, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Wednesday, 20th June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Glasnevin.

Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.  
Mr. Hazell.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued*.

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued*.

Mr. Lawrence Strange and Mr. R. G. Colclough, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Thursday, 21st June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Glasnevin.

Mr. Pierpoint.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Usborne.  
Mr. Hazell.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued*.

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued*.

Mr. R. G. Colclough further examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Friday, 22nd June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glasneuk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued.*

Mr. R. G. Colhoun, further examined.

Mr. W. J. Goulding, sworn, and examined.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Sligo County Council against the Bill.

Mr. W. R. Penton, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Aesorth was heard in support of the petition of the Cork Harbour Commissioners against the Bill, and called evidence.

Mr. J. Price, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned until Monday next.

[Adjourned until Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Monday, 25th June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glasneuk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK AND WESTERN RAILWAY AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Evidence in support of the Petition of the Cork Harbour Commissioners against the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Amalgamation Bill—*continued.*

Mr. J. Price, further examined.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the County Council of South Tipperary against Bill.

Mr. E. Cummings and Mr. John O'Brien, sworn, and examined.

Mr. John O'Connor was heard in support of the above Petition against the Bill.

Mr. Pembroke Stephens, q.c., was heard in support of the Petition of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners against the Bill.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Tuesday, 26th June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glasgow.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Mr. Pembroke Stephens, Q.C., was further heard in support of the Petition of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners against the Preamble of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, and called evidence.

Mr. J. F. Power and Mr. A. W. Shaw, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Wednesday, 27th June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glasgow.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners against the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued.*

Mr. A. W. Shaw, further examined.

Mr. A. Dougall and Mr. G. P. Cullen, sworn, and examined.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Limerick Corporation against the Bill.

Mr. W. L. Stokes and Mr. John Daly, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Thursday, 28th June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glasgow.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Evidence in support of the Petition of the Limerick Corporation against the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—*continued.*

Mr. John Daly, further examined.

Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin Sheehan, Mr. William Holliday, Mr. Charles Cullane, and Mr. Joseph Bourke, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Taylor, *q.c.*, was heard in support of the above Petition against the Bill.

Mr. Fitzgerald, *q.c.*, was heard in support of the Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company against the Bill.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Friday, 29th June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—continued.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company against the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill.

Mr. F. W. Pim and Mr. A. G. Reed, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Bienerhasselt, *q.c.*, was heard in support of the Petitions of the Corporation of Waterford and of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners against the Bill, and called evidence.

Mr. Alexander Nelson, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till Monday.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Monday, 2nd July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—continued.

Evidence in support of the Petitions of the Corporation of Waterford and of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners against the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill—continued.

Mr. John Allingham, Mr. Francis Shortis, Mr. Anthony Graves, and Mr. H. J. Ford, sworn, and examined.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Tralee and Fenit Harbour Commissioners against the Bill.

Mr. Thomas Slattery, Mr. Maurice Kelligher, Mr. Jeremiah Slattery, and Mr. St. John H. Donohue, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Acworth was heard in support of the above Petition against the Bill.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Tipperary Town Commissioners against the Bill.

Mr. Lawrence Hayes and Mr. Michael Dalton, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Taylor, Q.C., was heard in support of the above Petition against the Bill.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Tuesday, 3rd July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chalmersford.  
Lord Glasnevin.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Mr. Little, Q.C., was heard in support of the Preamble of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, and called evidence.

Mr. C. J. Fergusson, The Hon. R. A. Nugent, Sir Ralph Cusack, Mr. R. W. Greene, and Mr. James Nelson, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Wednesday, 4th July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chalmersford.  
Lord Glasnevin.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill—*continued.*

Mr. Arthur Jackson, Mr. E. J. Tighe, Mr. Thomas Tighe, The Rev. P. Lyons, Mr. Martin McDonough, Major J. Wilson Lynch, Mr. W. P. Radcliffe, Mr. G. H. Lemmon, The Rev. Archdeacon Daly, Mr. T. Stackpole Mahon, and Mr. John F. Power, sworn, and examined.

Mr. W. L. Stokes, recalled, and examined.

Mr. William Smith, sworn, and examined.

Mr. S. J. H. Donovan, recalled, and examined.

Mr. P. Murphy, sworn, and examined.

Mr. A. W. Shaw and Mr. C. Oulhane, recalled, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]



*Thursday, 5th July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill—*continued.*

Mr. Joseph A. Bourke and Mr. Laurence Hayes, recalled, and examined.

Mr. Joseph Tallow, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Friday, 6th July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Evidence in support of the Preamble of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill—*continued.*

Mr. Joseph Tallow, further examined.

Mr. FitzGerald, Q.C., was heard in support of the Petition of the Athenry and Tuam Extension to Claremorris Railway Company against the Bill, and called evidence.

Mr. F. T. Lewis, Colonel Maurice C. G. Blake, C.B., and the Hon. H. B. Guthrie, sworn, and examined.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company against the Bill.

Mr. F. W. Peto, recalled, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Monday, 9th July 1900.*

PRESENT.

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued*.

Evidence in support of the Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company against the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill—*continued*.

Mr. F. W. Pim, further examined.

Mr. A. G. Reed, recalled, and examined.

Mr. Baggallay, Q.C., was heard in support of the above Petition.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the County Council of Sligo against the Bill.

Mr. P. A. McHugh, a Member of this House, and Mr. John O'Dowd, a Member of this House, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Macinerney, Q.C., was heard in support of the above Petition.

Mr. Acworth was heard in support of the Petition of the Cork Harbour Commissioners against the Bill.

Mr. John O'Connor was heard in support of the Petition of the County Council of the South Riding of Tipperary against the Bill.

Mr. Balfour Browne, Q.C., was heard in support of the Petition of the Waterford and Limerick and Western Railway Company against the Bill, and called evidence.

Mr. Percy Bernard, recalled, and examined.

Mr. John Conacher, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Tuesday, 10th July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued*.

Evidence in support of the Petition of the Waterford and Limerick and Western Railway Company against the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill—*continued*.

Mr. John Conacher, further examined.

Mr. W. Barrington and Mr. J. R. Goodbody, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Buale, Q.C., was heard in support of the Petition of the Limerick and Kerry, Rathkale and Newcastle Junction and Tralee and Fenit Railway Companies against the Bill.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Sligo, Leitrim, and Northern Counties Railway against the Bill.

Mr. S. B. Humphreys, sworn, and examined

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Mr. C. C. Hutchinson was heard in support of the above Petition.

Mr. Moore was heard in support of the Petition of the Great Western Railway Company against the Bill, and called evidence.

Mr. J. L. Wilkinson sworn, and examined.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company.

Mr. George J. Whitelass, sworn, and examined.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Wednesday, 11th July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glasneak.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpont.  
Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Blewett, *q.c.*, was heard in support of an application to the Committee to reserve their decision upon the two Bills now under consideration until the conclusion of the case of the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill.

Mr. Pembroke Stephens, *q.c.*, and Mr. Littler, *q.c.*, were also heard in support of the application.

Mr. Pope, *q.c.*, was heard in opposition to the application.

Room cleared.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee decided not to reserve their decision.

The Parties were called in, and informed of the decision of the Committee.

**GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—continued.**

Mr. Balfour Browne, *q.c.*, was heard in support of the Petition of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company against the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill.

Mr. Littler, *q.c.*, was heard in reply upon the case for the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill.

Room cleared.

The Committee deliberated.

Proceedings on the two Bills adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Thursday, 12th July 1900.*

PRESENT.

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glasneak.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpont.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL, AND MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL—*continued.*

Mr. Pope, *q.c.*, was heard in reply upon the case for the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill.

Room cleared.

The Committee deliberated.

Question, That the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill should be allowed to proceed,—*put, and agreed to.*

Question, That so much of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill as relates to the amalgamation of the Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway should be allowed to proceed,—*put, and agreed to.*

The Parties were called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.

The Committee postponed the consideration of the Clauses of the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill till To-morrow.

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND BILL.

Evidence called in support of the unopposed portions of the Preamble of the Bill.

Mr. C. F. Ferguson, recalled, and examined.

The Committee went through the Clauses of the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

*Ordered*, That the Lord in the Chair do report that the Bill should be allowed to proceed as amended, and that Mr. Pierpoint do make the like Report to the House of Commons.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Friday, 13th July 1900.

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glamusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL—*continued.*

The Clauses of the Bill were considered.

Mr. John O'Connor brought up a new Clause on behalf of the County Council of South Tipperary, and was heard in support of the same.

Mr. Aneworth brought up a new Clause on behalf of the Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners and the Tralee Urban District Council, and was heard in support of the same.

Mr. Moon was heard in opposition to the proposed Clauses.

Room cleared.

The Committee decided not to insert the Clauses.

The Parties were called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.

After discussion,

Mr. Balfour Browne, *q.c.*, brought up a new Clause to meet the decision of the Committee, and was heard in support of the same.

Mr. Littler, *q.c.*, brought up Clauses for the protection of the Midland Great Western Railway Company of Ireland, and was heard in support of the same, and in opposition to the Clause proposed by the Promoters.

Further proceedings upon the Bill postponed till Monday next.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Monday, 16th July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN, AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN  
RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL—*continued.*

Mr. *Littler*, *q.c.*, was further heard in support of proposed Clauses for the protection of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland, and called evidence.

Mr. *Joseph Taffou*, recalled, and farther examined.

After further discussion, the Committee inserted the Clauses, with Amendments.

Mr. *WiseGerald*, *q.c.*, brought up Clauses for conferring running powers upon the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, and was heard in support of the same, and called evidence.

Mr. *A. G. Reed*, recalled, and examined.

After further discussion,

Further proceedings on the Bill postponed till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Tuesday, 17th July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Chelmsford.  
Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD, LIMERICK, AND WESTERN  
RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL—*continued.*

The Clauses of the Bill were further considered.

In support of Clause 27 of the Bill,

Mr. *R. G. Colhoun*, recalled, and examined.

After further discussion,

The Committee went through the remaining Clauses of the Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and added new Clauses to the Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Lord in the Chair do report that the Bill should be allowed to proceed as amended, and that Mr. Pierpoint do make the like Report to the House of Commons.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

*Wednesday, 18th July 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Glanusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Henegau.

Mr. Hazell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Usborne.

# GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD AND CENTRAL IRELAND RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL.

Mr. Pope, q.c., Mr. Pender, q.c., Mr. Balfour Browne, q.c., Mr. Seymour Bush, q.c., Mr. Macdonnell, q.c., Mr. Ernest Moon, and Mr. G. Bellett appeared as Counsel for the Promoters of the Bill.

Messrs. Sherwood and Company appeared as Agents.

The following Petitions against the Bill were read:

The Petition of the Grand Canal Company.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. Ross and Frere appeared as Agents.

The Petition of the Great Western Railway Company.

Counsel reserved.

Mr. R. R. Nelson appeared as Agent.

The Petition of the Westmeath County Council.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. Lewis and Company appeared as Agents.

The Petition of the Viscount de Vesci.

Mr. Pembroke Stephens, q.c., and the Hon. E. Charteris appeared as Counsel.

Messrs. Lewis and Company appeared as Agents.

The Petition of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company.

Mr. Littler, c.s., q.c., Mr. Blennerhassett, q.c., and Mr. Vesey Knox appeared as Counsel.

Messrs. Martin and Leslie appeared as Agents.

The Petition of the Stock and Shareholders of the Waterford Limerick and Western Railway Company.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. Batten and Company appeared as Agents.

The Petition of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. Batten and Company appeared as Agents.

The Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company.

The Hon. J. D. FitzGerald, q.c., and Mr. Claude Baggallay, q.c., appeared as Counsel.

Messrs. Holmes, Greig and Greig appeared as Agents.

The Petition of the Waterford Corporation.

Counsel reserved.

Messrs. Holmes, Greig and Greig appeared as Agents.

The Petition of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. Blennerhassett, q.c., and Mr. J. W. Greig appeared as Counsel.

Messrs. Holmes, Greig and Greig appeared as Agents.

The Preamble of the Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Pope, q.c., was heard in support of the Preamble of the Bill, and called the following evidence.

Mr. E. A. Neale, sworn, and examined.

Evidence called in support of the Petition of Viscount de Vesci against the Bill.

Viscount de Vesci and the Lord Greville, sworn, and examined.

Mr. Pembroke Stephens, q.c., was heard in support of the above Petition.

Room cleared.

The Committee deliberated.

The Parties were called in and informed that the Committee could not insert the provision asked for by the Petitioner.

Mr. *FitzGerald*, Q.C., was heard in support of the Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company against the Bill.

Proceedings upon the Bill adjourned till To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

*Thursday, 19th June 1900.*

PRESENT:

The Earl SPENCER in the Chair.

Lord Glasusk.  
Lord Hawkesbury.  
Lord Hensinge.

Mr. Hasell.  
Sir Samuel Montagu.  
Mr. Pierpoint.  
Mr. Osborne.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN AND WATERFORD AND CENTRAL IRELAND  
RAILWAY COMPANIES AMALGAMATION BILL—*continued.*

Mr. *FitzGerald*, Q.C., was further heard in support of the Petition of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company against the Bill.

Mr. Moyn was heard in reply.

The Preamble was postponed.

The Clauses of the Bill were considered.

On Clause 5:

Mr. *Blennerhassett* was heard on behalf of the Midland Great Western Railway Company of Ireland and called evidence.

Mr. *Joseph Taylor*, recalled, and examined.

Room cleared.

The Committee deliberated.

Question proposed, That Clause 5 stand part of the Bill.

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 20, to leave out from the word "Provided" to the end of the Clause—(Sir Samuel Montagu).—Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—The Committee divided:

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The parties were called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.

After further discussion.

The Committee went through the remaining Clauses of the Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and added new Clauses to the Bill.

Preamble agreed to.

Ordered, That the Lord in the Chair do report that the Bill should be allowed to proceed as amended, and that Mr. *Pierpoint* do make the like Report to the House of Commons.